

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2659
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PATENT FOR YOGA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Yoga postures and techniques are being patented in America;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) The steps taken/being taken by the Government to preserve this traditions/techniques as a heritage of India?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The Government has set up a Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) to document the traditional knowledge in Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, Yoga, etc. to prevent patenting in these areas of traditional knowledge.